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MOBILE CONNECTIONS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Telephone Exchanges in Kerala having Mobile Services of BSNL; and
- (b) the time by when the Mobile connections are likely to be provided to the whole of Kerala?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has so far provided its cellular service in 395 towns including all District Head Quarters (DHQs) and important tourist/pilgrimage centers etc. of Kerala having a subscriber base of 6,12,405. BSNL has now planned to extend its mobile services to important commercial centers, additional cities upto Tehsil Head Quarters and network roll-out is expected during the year 2005. The towns below Tehsil Head Quarters will be considered for cellular coverage in future expansion programme depending upon business and commercial viability.